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OPC President Anita Diamant joined USA President Ronald Reagan this month in congratulating United Press International on its 75th anniversary.

UPI came into being on June 21, 1907. It served 369 original subscribers. Today it reaches more than 7000 newspapers, broadcasters and others.

President Reagan, in congratulating UPI, recalled that "as a former radio announcer" he used the then newly-launched UP wire.

"Members of the UPI," Mrs. Diamant said, "have always played an important part in the growth and development of the OPC, just as they have in the growth and development of the news services essential to keeping the peoples of the world informed and free. We congratulate them on their anniversary and wish them many many more. As UPI prospers, so do the people of the world benefit and the people of OPC."

United Press International was acquired June 2 from the E.W. Scripps Co. by the Media News Corp., a new company formed by a group of U.S. newspapers, cable and television station owners. Media News Corp. announced that it would begin an immediate program to accelerate UPI's changeover to satellite delivery of its news report and to improve and aggressively market UPI services worldwide.

ONLY LUNCH SERVICE AT CLUB THIS SUMMER

From June 28 through September 3 only lunch will be served at the club. For breakfast and dinner, reciprocal arrangements have been made at the Williams Club, 24 East 39 Street, and guest cards for Williams Club meals can be had at our front desk.

This offer not available to delinquents.

Newspapers in English - for China

A bevy of bright young Chinese journalists (10) took over the Ed Murrow Room the afternoon of May 24 and told the OPCers on hand about bringing English-language journalism to the Republic of China.

English-language newspapers are needed in China, and the government wants them, they explained, because otherwise foreigners and tourists in China have no ready means of getting the news.

The group included eight men and two women. Most of them are with the *China Daily*. A couple are with the Xinhua News Agency. *The Daily* is an 8-page standard-size paper, published both in Beijing and Hong

Kong. Circulation is 50,000 plus. There are plans to publish one day in San Francisco.

Shepherding the group were Nan and **John Luter**, John being the one-time OPC president who now is director of journalism at the University of Hawaii in Honolulu. The group is completing a 9-month course of study.

OPC's new president, **Anita Diamant**, welcomed the group. Discussion with OPCers present was lively. One item revealed was the beginning of investigative journalism in China. Criticism of the government is not permitted, but individual corruption can be denounced. Editorials are censored.

A Visit Recalls Wartime Terror

MANILA, P.I. — During a traumatic Holy Week visit, **Doris and Thurston Macauley** lunched with the newly elected president of the Manila Overseas Press Club, dynamic columnist-lawyer Arturo A. Borjal, and executive secretary Bert Olermo.

The trauma was Doris': It was the first time she had been back to the Philippines in 37 years, since 1945, when she was liberated by the 11th Airborne Division from the Los Banos internment camp. After Pearl Harbor, Doris and her previous husband hid in the hills for a year and a half, kept alive by a Filipino farmer, Fabian San Juan, who risked his life to bring them food and medicine and hid them from the Japanese.

Fabian was the "hero" of Doris' book "Bread and Rice" and she hoped for a reunion with him, as she told Manila press corps. Shortly before our leaving Manila, Fabian's five children read in their local paper of Doris' visit and drove to Manila.

Their father, they told Doris, had died in 1970. In 1947, Carlos Romulo, now Philippines Foreign Minister, who wrote a foreword to "Bread and Rice," had arranged a goodwill visit by Fabian to the U.S.

— **Thurston Macauley**

Latin America Coverage Improves

SAO PAULO — Knight-Ridder's *Miami Herald*, which has already won enviable respect for its coverage of Latin America with its corps of roving specialists based in Miami, has placed its first resident staff correspondents in Central and South America.

James B. Brooke, former special correspondent for *The Washington Post* in Brazil, has become South American correspondent for the *Miami Herald* and will be establishing a *Herald* office on Avenida Rio Branco in Rio de Janeiro.

Shirley Christian, who last year won the Pulitzer Prize for international reporting from Central America, becomes Central American correspondent for the *Herald*. She also won last year an OPC citation for best newspaper reporting from abroad and this year won an OPC citation for best magazine reporting from abroad, for her piece in the *New Republic* on "Freedom and Unfreedom in Nicaragua."

— **Bill Hieronymus**

EAT, DRINK WITH US AT OPC!

Washington Ticker

by Jessie Stearns

WASHINGTON—Howard Penn Hudson's Washington News Media Contacts Directory is 15 years old. Hudson gave a press party in 1967 at the National Press Club and presented the first first edition to Allan Cromley, *Daily Oklahoman*, then president of the NPC. And now the second correspondent of the *Daily Oklahoman*, Vivian Vahlberg, is president of NPC and Hudson has presented her a copy.

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George Bookman, now in Washington, is associated with Sylvia Porter in her column, "Your Money's Worth."

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William W. Marsh, former chief Voice of America's European branch and correspondent in Munich, West Germany, appointed director for the news division of U.S. Overseas Radio Broadcast Service, Washington, D.C.

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The National Press Foundation arranged a forum on "How Women are Succeeding in the Washington News Business," moderated by *Houston Post* Washington Bureau Chief Art Wiese.

The American News Women Club held a "Meet the Women Press" with women heading the National Press Club, White House News Photographers, Washington Press Club, Capitol Press Club, Sigma Delta Chi, Women in Communications, and American Women in Radio and Television.

Women are certainly moving up in the media.

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John H. Sweet, 75-year-old chairman, *U.S. News & World Report*, retired May 31, after 36 years with the magazine, publisher since 1951, president in 1958, and chairman and chief executive officer in 1973.

Samuel J. Kecker, vice president for circulation, who went to work for the magazine in 1946, takes over as chairman, and will continue to direct the magazine's circulation.

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Italian-born Joseph S. Rosapepe, former information director of Internal Revenue Service and General Accounting Office, and editor and reporter with AP and *New York Journal of Commerce* in New York and Italy, died following surgery for a cardiovascular ailment on May 22. Prayer service and mass were held in Washington with interment in Mt. Kisco, N.Y.



L/R: Vivian Vahlberg; Jessie Stearns, OPC's Washington Ticker; and Nour David, just elected first woman president of the White House News Photographers Assn.

Ron Fine Photo

Anita Diamant's election as OPC's first woman president brought from Vivian Vahlberg, recently elected the first woman president of the National Press Club in Washington, this greeting:

"I'm delighted that the Overseas Press Club has, at long last, elected its

first woman president. This not only recognizes Anita Diamant's competence and long years of dedicated service to the club, it also underscores the undeniable fact that women are an integral part of our profession.

"Welcome to the ranks of first womanhood!"

. . . and postscripts

OPC'er Ed Wergeles, who was senior photography editor for *Newsweek*, art director for *Forbes* magazine, and lecturer at Columbia University's journalism school, has been lecturing in Sarasota, Fla., and judging photography contests. . . . Buddy Weiss, who had been managing editor of *Parade* magazine, has been named executive editor. He was also recently elected an OPC governor. Quick action in one year after spending 13 in Paris as managing editor of the *International Herald Tribune*. . . . Junnosuke Ofusa, recently retired after 50 years with the Tokyo bureau of *The New York Times*, has been awarded the Order of the Sacred Treasure, fourth class, by Emperor Hirohito. He is the first journalist to be decorated by the Emperor. . . . The U.S. Army has announced that it will name its largest Reserve Center for Ernie Pyle. The Center is being built at Fort Totten, Flushing, N.Y., to be ready in 1983. It will house about 2000 of the 12,000 troops in New York State and will be HQ for Maj. Gen. William F. Ward, commander, 77th U.S. Army Reserve. Pyle was killed 37 years ago while covering the 77th Infantry Division fighting near Okinawa. It is

unusual to name an Army center for a civilian, Gen. Ward said, "but Ernie Pyle spoke for all the fighting men of World War II and died like one of them with the Liberty Patch division. We who wear the Liberty Patch will never forget him."

When that Russian sub went aground on the rocks in a Swedish fjord last November, OPC'er Jack Birns, far away in Los Angeles, had a special interest in it. A vessel from the Swedish Navy stood guard while it sent a remote-control mini-sub, the *Sea Owl*, to inspect the Russian sub's torpedo ports and electronic gear. The light for its camera, two powerful "snooperettes," was made by Birns Oceanographics, Jack's outfit in LA. He's a former *Life* photo correspondent.

Dwight Sargent, who keeps busy writing editorials for the Hearst newspapers and serving as an OPC governor, has also taken on another job. He is the new president of the Society of the Silurians. Larry Stessin, of the OPC Bulletin staff, is on the Silurian ladder as second VP. He was editor of the current *Silurian News*, which carries contributions by several other OPCers — Henry Cassidy, Sidney Kline and Hugh Mulligan.

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June 8, 1982

PRESIDENT:
Anita Diamant
VICE PRESIDENTS:
Henry Cassidy
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Charles Brophy

Dear OPC Members:

You have received a three page letter from the President of the Chemists Club explaining the new credit system which they have proposed, and which would mean a complete change in our billing procedures. We were presented with this as a fait accompli, but we, as well as the other tenants of the Chemists Club, are still discussing the various ramifications of this new credit system.

Obviously the Chemists Club has faced the problem of uncollected indebtedness from their members, and as you are probably aware, we in turn have to guarantee all of our accounts to the Chemists Club. This has put all of us in a rather difficult situation in view of the current inflationary period.

While the Chemists Club will require either a Visa or a Mastercharge card, the number of which will be recorded by them, the actual procedure of charging at our Club will remain the same: each chit will be marked with the individual member's account number. Manufacturer's Hanover has guaranteed each member a charge card, if it is necessary to apply for either the Visa or Mastercharge. Unfortunately at the present time no other charge card would be acceptable, since that bank does not use them.

At this moment, the matter is still under discussion, and it is the intent of our Board to try to come up with a solution satisfactory to all. We must remember, however, that as tenants of the Chemists Club we will have to abide by whatever decision is finally made by them. I promise however to keep all of our members fully informed of our negotiations and their results.

Anita Diamant
President

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS: ACTIVE: Irwin Chapman, Blythe Foote Finke, Michael Johnson, Albert E. Kaff, Howard Kany, Robert Kleiman, Rosalind Massow, Hugh Mulligan, Harry Rand, Dwight Sargent, Marvin Sleeper, Irvin Taubkin, Murray "Buddy" Weiss. ACTIVE ALTERNATES: Red Foley, Bruce W. Gray, Charles Rotkin, J. Herbert Silverman.
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*Deceased



Sid Schapiro (right) with his wife, Esther, and Air Force Col. Robert P. Everett, celebrate the 40th anniversary of *The Stars and Stripes* in Darmstadt, Germany.

Photo: S & S by Red Grandy

When *Stars and Stripes* celebrated its 40th anniversary in April, Sid Schapiro, New York bureau chief, was right there, as you can see, cutting the cake at the party in Darmstadt, Germany, S&S HQ in Europe. With him were his wife Esther and Air Force Col. Robert P. Everett, S&S editor-in-chief.

Sid has been with S&S almost from its birth, joining it in London 39 years ago. He got back to New York just in time to welcome to the club Barbara Brackett, advertising director for the *Pacific Stars and Stripes*, here from Tokyo HQ with her husband Dewey, UPI Tokyo.

George Dugan, 75

George Dugan, one of the country's leading religion reporters and for more than 20 years religion news editor of *The New York Times*, died May 25 at the age of 72.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, son of a Presbyterian minister, he was a 1931 graduate of the University of Michigan. Except for World War II service with Army Counterintelligence, his entire career was in the religion news field. He helped found the Religion Newswriters Association and was its president in 1953.

Among his awards was the Religion Newswriters Association's James O. Supple Memorial Award for "outstanding coverage of religious news."

George is survived by his wife, a son and three grandchildren.

Clem Tamraz

Clement A. Tamraz, a freelancer who spent most of his time writing for radio and television, died May 7. He was in his late 70s. He had been a life-long resident of New York until several years ago, when he moved to Hollywood.

Clem started his career in 1928, when he emerged from college, on Hearst's *New York American*, covering stage and screen news. When the *American* folded into the *Journal*, Clem went to writing radio material, working with Robert (Believe-it-or-not) Ripley and writing for *Cavalcade* magazine.

Since 1950 he had been freelancing, spending most of his time in Europe until his retirement to Hollywood. He was a member of the Lambs.

SUMMER BULLETIN SCHEDULE

The Bulletin goes on its summer schedule for July and August. There will be a July 1 issue, but no July 15 issue. The same for August, one issue only for August 1.

EYES SOUTH!

A color camera visit to Barbados, Chile and '82 World's Fair



By Howard L. Kany

At the OPC Gallery
Chemists Club Lobby

July 1—August 31

New Applications

ACTIVE RESIDENT

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Irvin S. Taubkin, Editor; Helen Alpert, Rosalind Moore, Rosalind Massow, Charles J. Schreiber, Lawrence Stessin, Associate Editors.

Joseph Milton, father of OPCer Art Milton, died May 26 at his home in Dallas. He was 93, retired after a career spanning 60 years as an advertising manager for the *World Telegram*, the *Herald Tribune* and the *Times*. He was a member of the Silurians and other professional newspaper groups.

Who, What, Where

By Rosalind Massow

YOLEN ON YOLEN . . . Former OPC president **Will Yolen**, in the throes of writing his memoirs—"An Autobiography of a PR Counsel"—asks members and colleagues for help in refreshing his memory. He needs colorful and humorous anecdotal material relating to his many years as vice president of Hill and Knowlton. Housebound because of Parkinson's disease, Yolen would appreciate if the material was mailed to him at his daughter's farmhouse, 31 School St., Box 27, Hatfield, Mass. 01038. Even better than a letter would be a visit. If you are in Western Massachusetts, there's plenty of room at the farmhouse for sleepovers, says Will.

IN BOOK OF RECORDS . . . Editorial cartoonist **Ranan Lurie** has made the Guinness Book of Records. He's said to be the most widely-syndicated Op-Ed cartoonist in the world with 100 papers in the U.S. and countless more in 45 countries. Now he's breaking new ground. The *London Times* has named him the first editorial cartoonist in its history.

WITH PRESIDENTIAL PARTY . . . Exciting as it was to be with Pres. Ronald Reagan and party in Jamaica and Barbados this past April, author and Caribbean expert **Margaret Zellers** was disappointed that the press corps gave short shrift to the main focus of the trip—the Caribbean Basin Initiative. It seems the press were more interested in how Ronnie could swim.

ARTICLES . . . Travel stories by **Yvonne Beaudry** have appeared recently in the *Toronto Star*, *Los Angeles Times* and Gannett Westchester papers . . . **Art Milton's** daughter Pat, an AP staffer, wrote a first-hand medical story about a "career woman's" disease, endometriosis, for *The Boston Herald American*.

EXPECTING TWINS . . . Any minute now **Kay Cassill's** new book, "Twins, Nature's Amazing Mystery," will be due out from Atheneum. Her recently published "The Complete Handbook for Freelance Writers" is now in its second printing.

REWARDS FOR FIGHTING BACK . . . For his contributions to the consumer movement, NBC News consumer commentator **David Horowitz** became the first newsperson to win the annual award of the California Consumer Affairs Association. Horowitz is host of "Fight Back," a TV consumer advocacy program. The

State of California, its Senate and its State Assembly also honored Horowitz for creating public awareness of consumer rights.

FEATURED SPEAKER . . . Bunny Brower recently gave a group of hotel public relations directors some straight talk about how to work with the travel press. Her speech was a featured part of a three-day conference of the Sheraton Corporation's public relations directors of North America.

JOINS MAJOR SHIPBUILDER . . . Frank S. Johnson, Jr., who previously headed his own consulting firm in New York City, was appointed vice president, public relations of Newport News Shipbuilding, one of the world's largest private shipyards. A division of Tenneco, the Virginia company has built such famous passenger liners as the *America* and the *United States* and the nuclear carriers *Enterprise* and *Nimitz*.

IN ENGLAND BY DESIGN . . . Nino Lo Bello's new book "The Vatican Papers" was published in London by the New English Library/Hodder & Stoughton to coincide with Pope John Paul's historic visit to Great Britain. So Lo Bello is in England doing what authors do—he's making promotional rounds in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Wales and Scotland. This is Lo Bello's third book on the Vatican, previous titles were "The Vatican Empire" and "Vatican USA."

OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS . . . Foreign editor **Wilbur G. Landrey** is currently on a six weeks' tour of the Middle East for the *St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times*, and other major U.S. and Canadian dailies . . . Munich-

based **Aaron R. Einfrank** spent two weeks in Sri Lanka recently gathering material for free lance assignments.

COTTAGES BY THE SEA . . . Newport, R.I. is most often associated with extravagant seaside mansions, quaintly called "cottages" by super rich 19th century owners. Now we find that the resort town has some real cottages where the not-so-rich can enjoy sea breezes too. Check out **Marguerite Vauclair's** new guidebook—"Guest Houses, Bed & Breakfasts, Inns and Hotels in Newport, R.I." It details where you can find pleasant accommodations with a view for as little as \$30 a night. The booklet is available at \$4.35 from Port Quarters Publishing, c/o B. Sterling Benkhart Ltd., 4 B Equality Park Place, Newport, R.I. 02840.

American Reporters In London Elect

OPC'er **Bill Milldyke**, ABC News bureau chief in London, has been elected vice president of the Association of American Correspondents there. The AACL, he tells us, is one of the oldest overseas American press groups, having been formed in 1919. Bonnie Angelo, *Time-Life* bureau chief, was elected president; Joan Graham, *Baltimore Sun*, secretary-treasurer; Fernand Auberjonis, *Toledo Blade*, Myron Belkind, AP, Bill Borders, *N.Y. Times*, Leonard Downie, Jr., *Washington Post*, **Joe Grigg**, UPI, David McCormick, NBC, Frank Melville, *Time-Life-Fortune*, and William Tuohy, *L.A. Times*, form the executive committee.

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